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**TSA SECURITY OFFICER CONVICTED OF MAKING FALSE STATEMENTS**

HOUSTON, TX – Lance A. Castillo, 25, of Houston, Texas, a Transportation Security Administration (TSA) Security Officer, was convicted on Monday, May 22, 2006, of lying about his past criminal history during the application process to obtain his position with the federal agency, United States Attorney Don DeGabrielle announced today.

Castillo is one of a total of six TSA employees similarly charged in separate indictments. Today, Castillo admitted he made a materially false statement when he answered “No” to the question, “Have you been arrested in the past seven years”. Lance Castillo admitted to the court that he had been arrested for the offense of assault in 2003.

A conviction for making a materially false statement to a federal agency carries a maximum statutory penalty of five years in federal prison, and a \$250,000 fine. The court has set Castillo’s sentencing hearing for August 21, 2006.

The investigation of this and the five other cases was conducted by the Department of Homeland Security Office of the Inspector General in its continuing effort to ensure airport security. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Gary Cobe.

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